

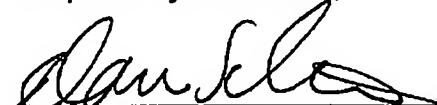
REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction of prosecution to either Group I of the claims formed by claims 1-24 or Group II formed of claims 25-42. In response, Group 1 formed of claims 1-24 was elected, and claims 25 – 42 cancelled.

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone to discuss any matters that might expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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